276. [*Transferred to the 6th August, 1993.*]

Integrated Project for the Agriculture, Horticulture, Poultry and Dairy etc.

277. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a project to develop an area of 100 K.M. around Delhi falling in Haryana under "An integrated Project for the Development — Agriculture, Horticulture, Poultry and Dairy etc.";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to make a plan to develop this area to set up agro-based industries to provide employment to the rural youth in view of the ever decreasing agricultural holdings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c) Ministry of Food Processing Industries have neither drawn up nor received any such proposals. The Ministry seeks to encourage the setting up of these industries in various States by providing assistance under the various Plan Schemes formulated for the purpose.

Technical committee on deep-sea fisheries

278. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recently constituted Technical Committee on deep-sea fisheries has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time-frame set for submitting its preliminary suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Technical Committee is expected to submit its report within a period of three months.

Foreign investment in the Food Processing and Marine Fisheries Sector

279. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are making hectic efforts to invite foreign investment in the food processing and marine fisheries sector;

(b) whether it is a fact that local entrepreneurs are not given encouragement;

(c) whether it is a fact that Indian entrepreneurs are not getting similar concessions in the marine fishery sector; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GODOI): (a) to (d) Since the liberalisation of Industrial Policy in July, 1991, foreign companies have been permitted to and has shown considerable interest to invest in the Food Processing and Deep-sea fishing sector in India and many proposals of foreign equity by foreign companies have been approved.

Indian entrepreneurs are also encouraged to invest in these industries for which several incentives including foreign technology agreement, concessions in excise and custom duties, assistance through Plan Schemes, etc. are provided. In addition, in the deep-sea fishing sector, Plan Schemes for interest subsidy on loans for acquisition of deep-sea fishing vessels and reimbursement of Central Excise Duty on High Speed Diesel Oil etc., are available to Indian Companies.

Setting up of Food Processing and Training Centres in Assam

280. SHRI TARACHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state: